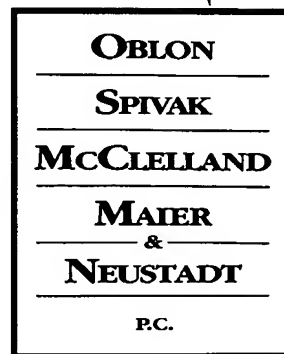




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Applicants: Cornelius Joannes Maria VAN BEEK  
Filing Date: December 31, 2003  
For: APPARATUS FOR THRESHING LEGUMES  
Group Art Unit: 3671  
Examiner: PETRAVICK, M.

SIR:

Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

**Letter**

**Copies of Cover Letter, Request to Correct Inventorship Under 37 CFR 1.48(a),  
Statement from Assignee, Statement from Current Inventor, Statement from Added Inventor,  
Assignment and date-stamped filing receipts (filed August 9, 2005)  
Substitute Declaration, Power of Attorney and Petition (3 pages)**

Our credit card payment form in the amount of \$130.00 is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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LETTER

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SIR:

Applicants submit herewith a Substitute Declaration, Power of Attorney and Petition indicating both inventors, Cornelius Joannes Maria Van Beek and Robert Charles Plant, replacing the originally filed Declaration for the above-identified application. Applicants filed, as evidenced by the enclosed date-stamped filing receipts, a Request to Correct Inventorship Under 37 CFR 1.48(a)(1), Statement from Assignee, Statement from Current Inventor, Statement from Added Inventor and an Assignment on August 9, 2005, to correct the inventorship of the present application. Resigned copies of those papers filed are also submitted herewith. Applicants' attorney submits the Substitute Declaration, Power of Attorney and Petition and the petition fee of \$130 to complete the requirements under 37 CFR 1.48(a) to add the second inventor: Robert Charles Plant.

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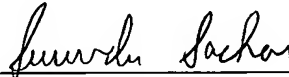
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Favorable action in response to this Petition is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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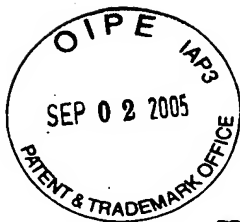
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## Declaration, Power of Attorney and Petition

WE (I) the undersigned inventor(s), hereby declare(s) that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name,

We (I) believe that we are (I am) the original, first and joint (sole) inventor(s) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

### APPARATUS FOR TRESHING LEGUMES

the specification of which

☐ is attached hereto.

☒ was filed on December 31, 2003 as

Application Serial No. 10/748,136

and amended on \_\_\_\_\_

☐ was filed as PCT international application

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on \_\_\_\_\_

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on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).

We (I) hereby state that we (I) have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

We (I) acknowledge the duty to disclose information known to be material to the patentability of this application as defined in Section 1.56 of Title 37 Code of Federal Regulations.

We (I) hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. §119(s)-(d) or §365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or §365(a) of any PCT International application which designated at least one country other than the United States, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or PCT International application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed. Prior Foreign Application(s)

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We (I) hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

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We (I) hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. §120 of any United States application(s), or under §365(c) of any PCT International application designating the United States, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT International application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR §1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT International filing date of this application.

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And we (I) hereby appoint the following registered practitioner(s):

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as our (my) attorneys, with full powers of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent Office connected therewith; and we (I) hereby request that all correspondence regarding this application be sent to

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We (I) declare that all statements made herein of our (my) own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

Cornelius Joannes Maria VAN BEEK  
NAME OF FIRST OR SOLE INVENTOR

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Signature of Inventor

Citizen of: x Netherlands 22-8-05

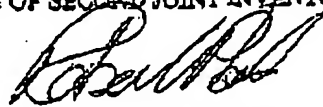
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Robert Charles PLANT

NAME OF SECOND JOINT INVENTOR



Signature of Inventor

23<sup>rd</sup> JUNE 2004

Date

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The following has been received in the U.S. Patent Office on the date stamped hereon:

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- ☒ Request to Correct Inventorship under 37 CFR 1.48(a)
- ☒ Statement from Assignee
- ☒ Statement from Current Inventor
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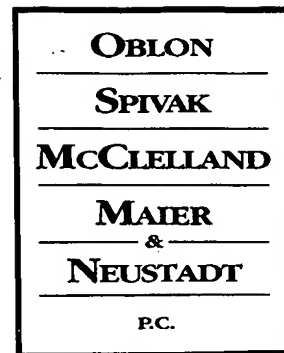


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SIR:

Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

**REQUEST TO CORREC INVENTORSHIP UNDER 37 CFR 1.48(a)**  
**STATEMENT FROM ASSIGNEE**  
**STATEMENT FROM CURRENT INVENTOR**  
**STATEMENT FROM ADDED INVENTOR**  
**ASSIGNMENT (COPY ONLY NOT FOR RECORDATION)**

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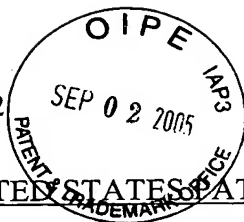
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SIR:

In the matter of the above-identified application, Applicants hereby request correction of your records to reflect the following change in inventorship. The omission of the second inventor was inadvertent and such omission occurred without deceptive intent. Please add the following inventor:

Robert Charles PLANT  
114 Fakenham Road  
Great Ryburgh  
Fakenham  
Norfolk  
NR21 7AG, Great Britain

The processing fee set forth in § 1.17(i) is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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SIR:

Ploeger Agro B.V. having a place of business at Standdaarbuitensedijk 3, 4751 SG  
OUD Gastel, Netherlands, is the owner of the entire right, title and interest in and to the  
invention claimed and disclosed in the above-identified patent application by virtue of  
assignment, said original assignment having been filed in the United States Patent &  
Trademark Office, and recorded on June 28, 2004 (REEL/FRAAME: 015518/0157) and  
supplemental assignment filed herewith. Ploeger Agro B.V. also agrees that the inventorship  
error occurred without any deceptive intent. Ploeger Agro B.V. agrees to the addition of the  
following inventor:

Added Inventor:  
Residential Address:Robert Charles PLANT  
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Great Ryburgh  
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*Ad J.G. Ploeger*  
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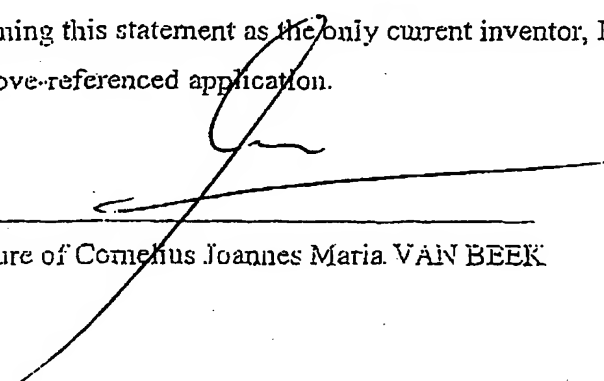
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SIR:

I, Cornelius Joannes Maria VAN BEEK, agree to add Robert Charles PLANT to U.S. Application No. 10/748,136. The inventorship error occurred without any deceptive intent. By signing this statement as the only current inventor, I agree to the change of inventorship in the above-referenced application.

  
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Signature of Cornelius Joannes Maria VAN BEEK8-2-05  
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SIR:

It is hereby requested under 37 C.F.R. 1.48(a) that the inventorship in the above-identified application be corrected as shown below. The inventorship error occurred without any deceptive intent. The following inventor is being added.

Added Inventor:  
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Signature of Robert Charles PLANT

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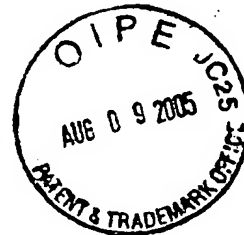
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WHEREAS, I (WE) Cornelius Joannes Maria VAN BEEK from PJ Dongen, The Netherland and  
Robert Charles PLANT from Norfolk, Great Britain

, respectively,

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INVENTION:

have invented certain new and useful improvements in: APPARATUS FOR THRESHING LEGUMES

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AND ADDRESS OF  
COMPANY OR  
OTHER ASSIGNEE

WHEREAS, PLOEGER AGRO B.V.

(hereinafter referred to as "ASSIGNEE") having a place of business at: Standdaarbuitensedijk 3, SG Oud Gastel, 4751  
The Netherlands is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention and in and to any  
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NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of FIVE DOLLARS (\$5.00), the receipt whereof is hereby  
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Date: 25 - June 2004

(Signature of Inventor)

Cornelius Joannes Maria VAN BEEK

Date: 23<sup>rd</sup> JUNE 2004

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